

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The paragraph beginning at page 3, line 6 has been amended as follows:

To address these problems, a tape cartridge and a drive for extremely wide tape are disclosed in co-pending United States Application Serial No. ~~691,165~~ 09/691,165, filed October 19, 2000, the teachings of which are incorporated herein by reference. The tape cartridge and drive described therein accommodate tape having an extremely wide width, such as a width that is greater than approximately 24 mm, or in a range between approximately 24 mm and approximately 127 mm.

The paragraph beginning at page 8, line 2 has been amended as follows:

The inventive tape ~~cartridge~~ drive is shown from the exterior in Figure 1, and has a drive housing 1 with an access opening therein which is normally closed, in a known manner, by an access door 2. The access opening allows insertion of a cartridge having a standard form factor into the tape drive.